



DNAZYMES



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Introduction

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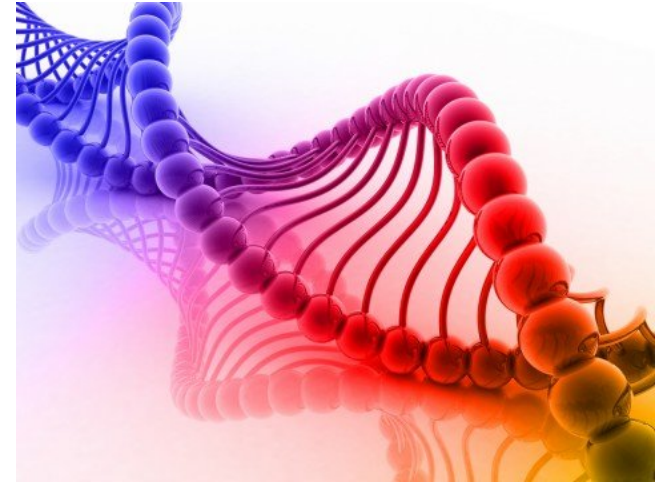
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History

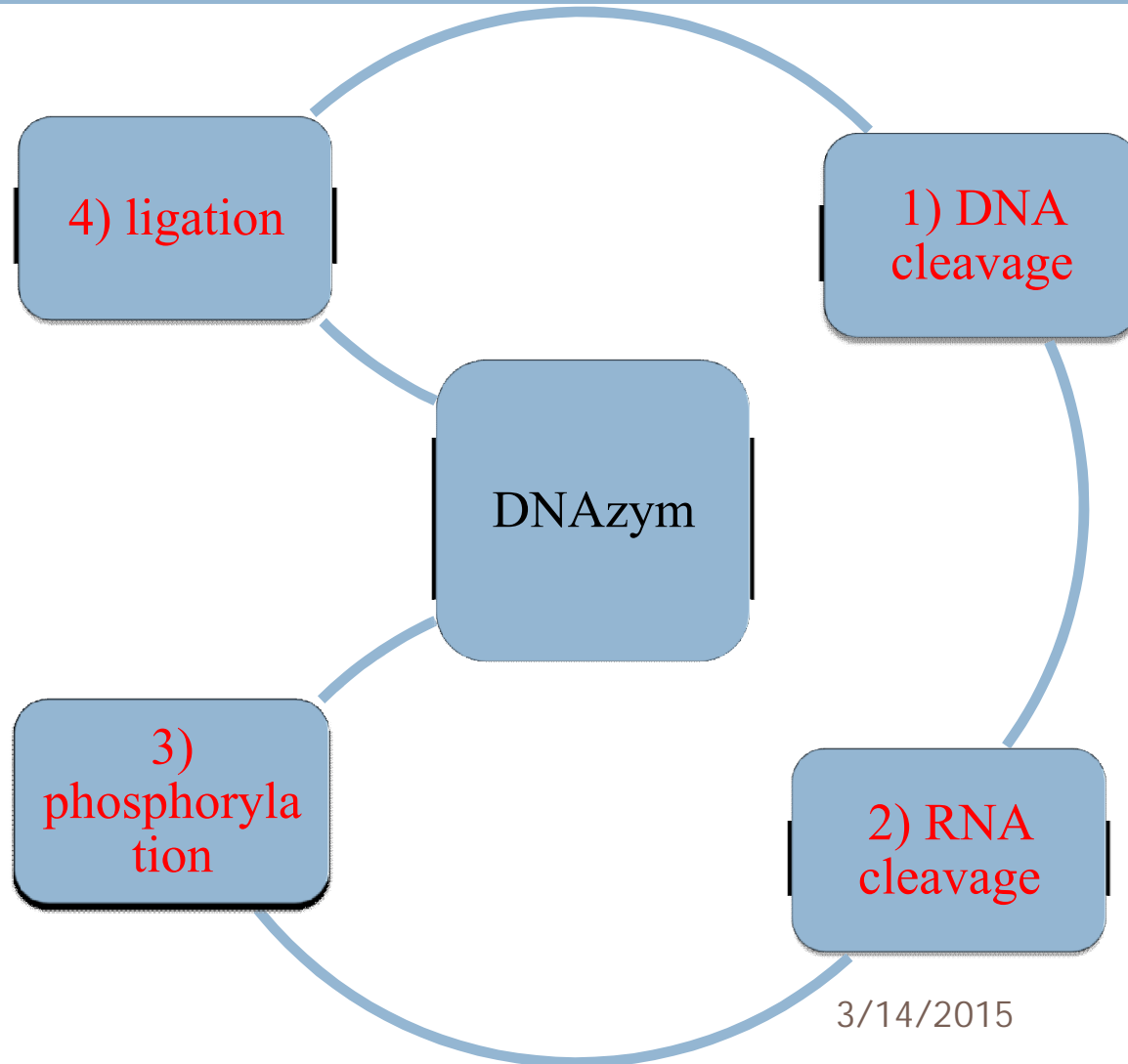
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- ❑ in 1994 by **Breaker and Joyce** ⁽³⁾
- ❑ **trans esterification** reaction ⁽³⁾
- ❑ **single stranded DNA** could indeed act as a catalyst⁽³⁾

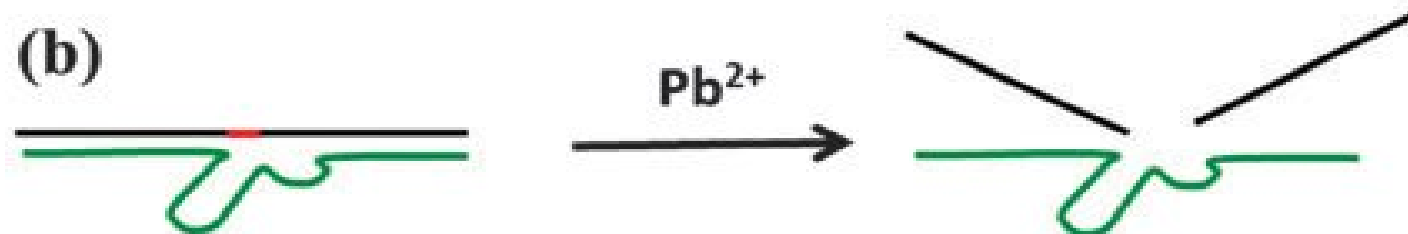
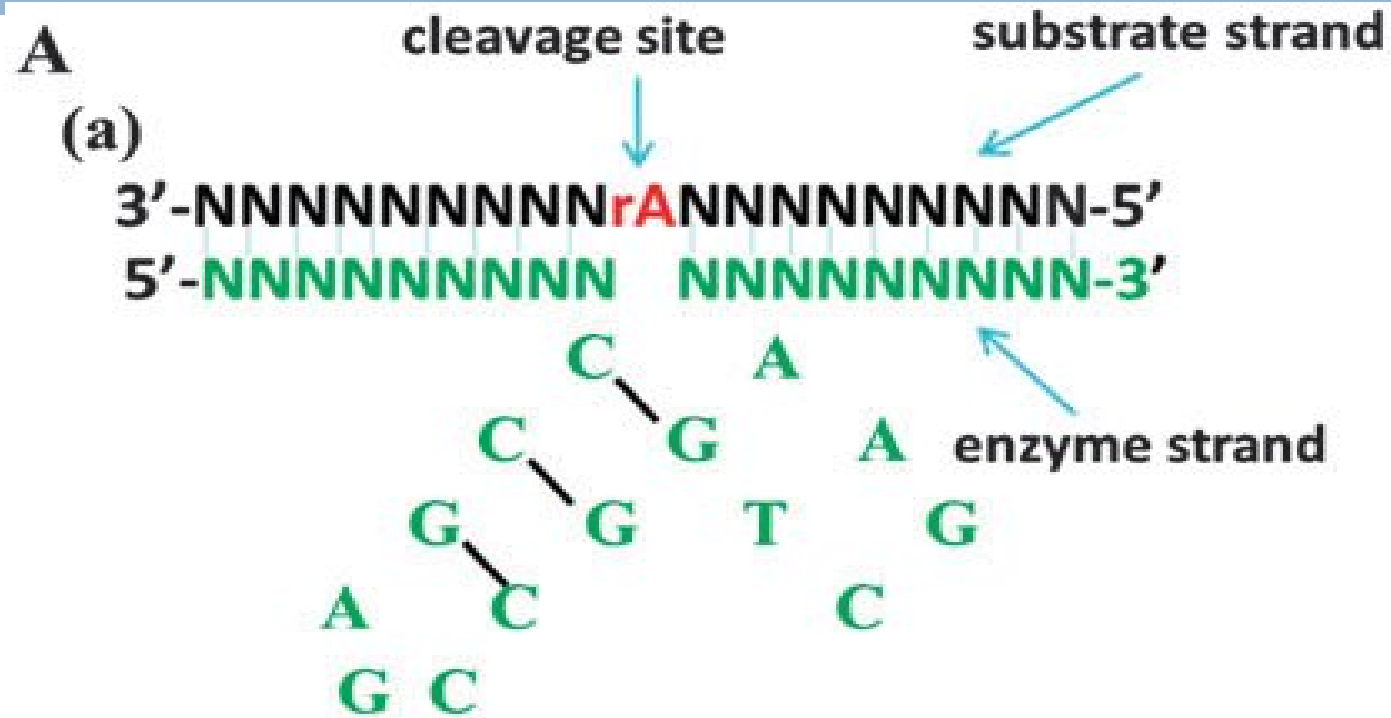


Process of DNAzym⁽³⁾

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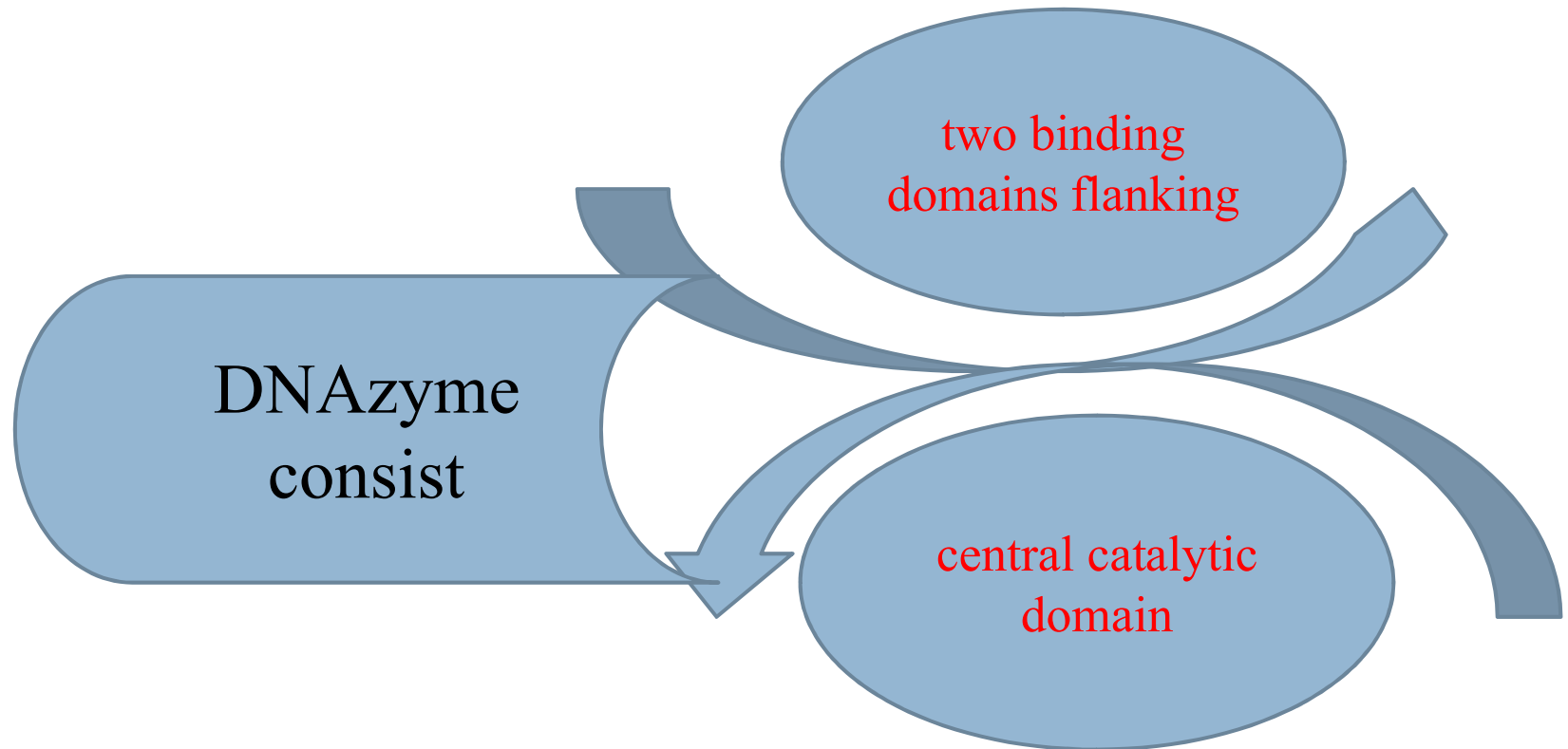
Definition

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- ❑ DNAszymes are **catalytically** active DNA molecules(6)
- ❑ their capability to **cleave RNA** molecules (6)
- ❑ DNAszymes are **single-stranded** DNA molecules(6)

Structures

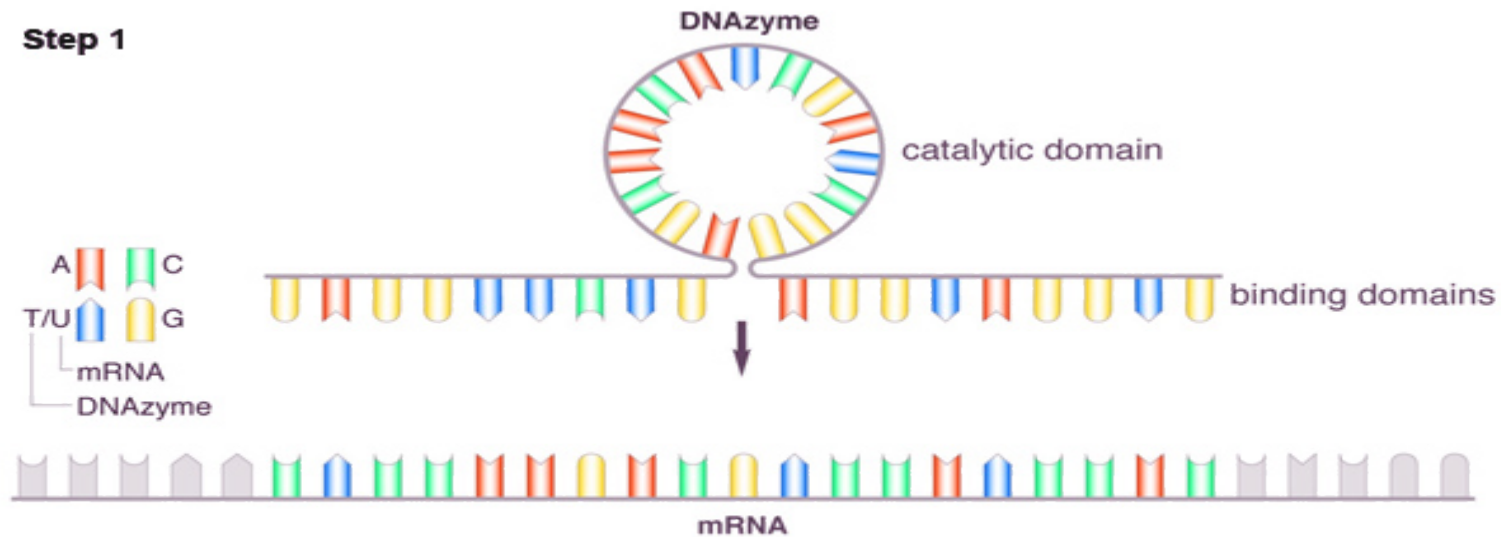
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- ❑ The latter is composed of 15 deoxynucleotide
- ❑ the binding domains are variable⁽⁹⁾

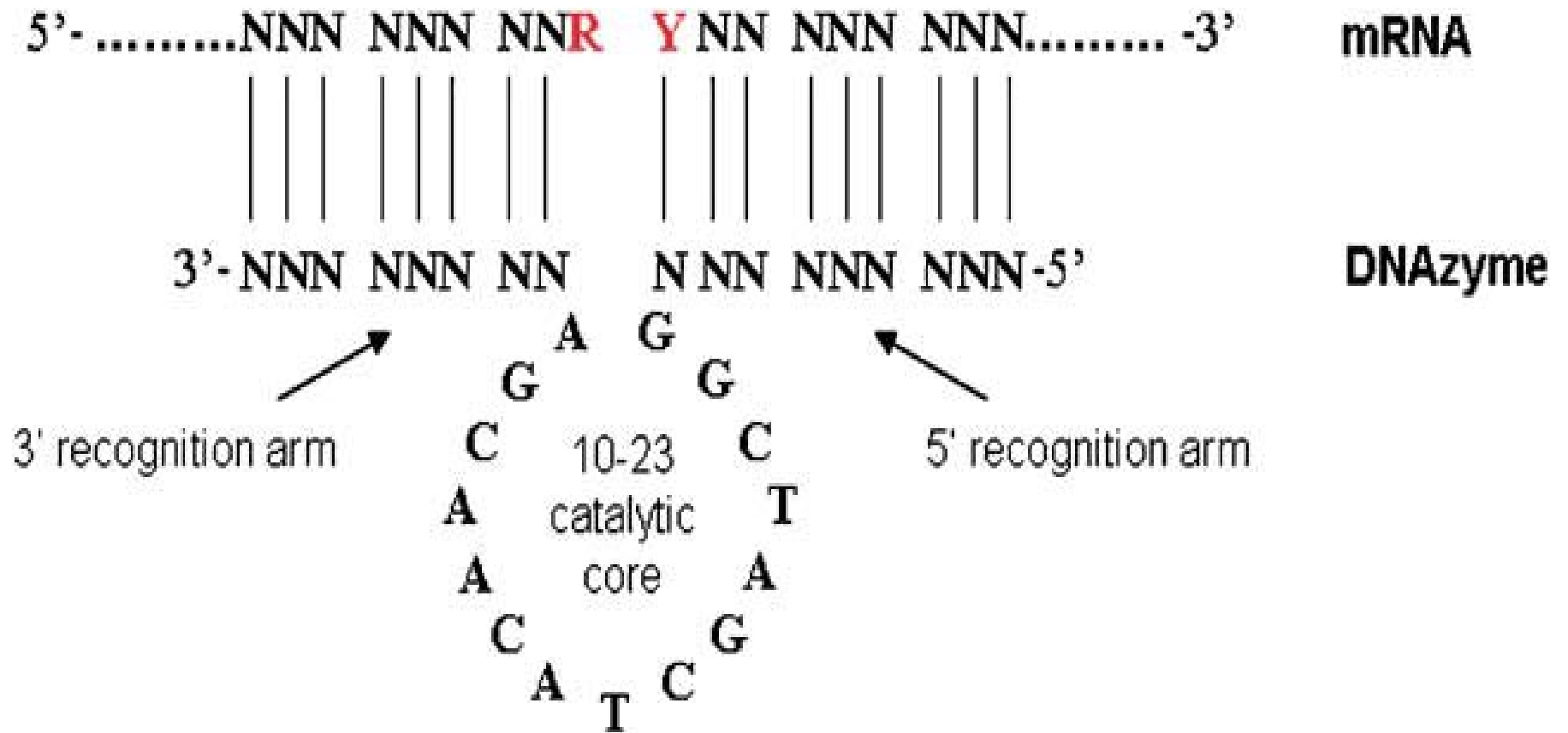
Step 1



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Cleaving the mRNA₍₁₀₎

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*The phosphodiester bond between the nucleotides shown in red is cleaved.

- ❑ half life from 70 min to 21 h in human serum (2)
- ❑ also remain functionally intact for at least 24–48 h in human serum(2)

- DNAzymes represent a particular class of **antisense**

molecule₍₄₎

- **inherent catalytic** activity which makes them an

attractive tools₍₄₎

Main Applications

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- ❑ also used as active components for constructing nanostructures (3)
- ❑ important functional nucleic acids for chemical biology medicine, analytical chemistry and materials science. (3)

Main Applications

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- ❑ lead to down-regulation of **protein expression**₍₅₎
- ❑ their use as **amplifying labels** for the development of optical or electronic sensors₍₃₎

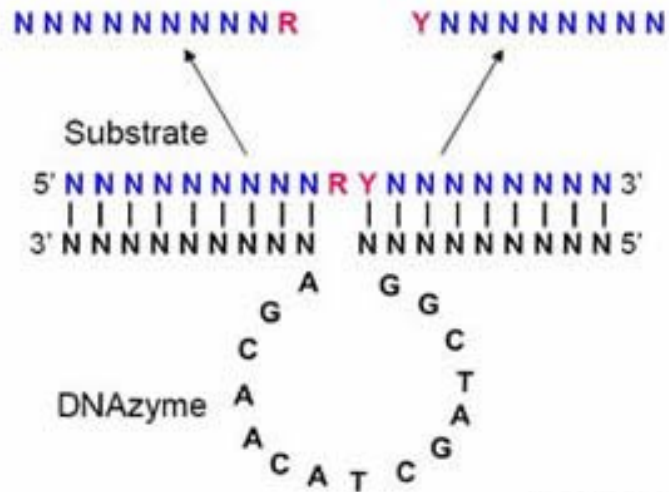
advantages as compared to enzymes

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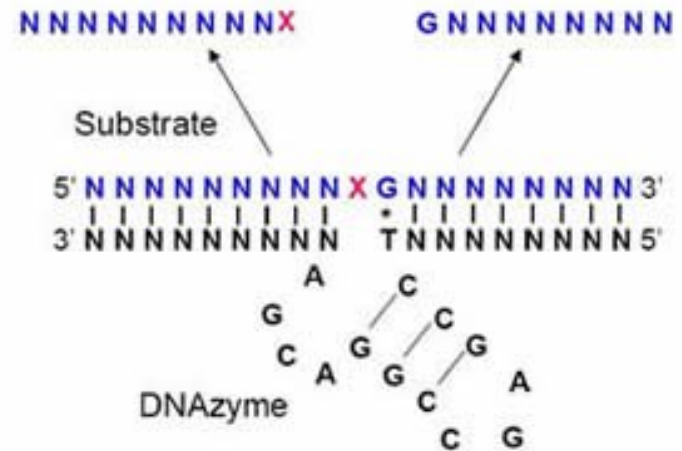
1. In contrast to enzymes that are **thermally unstable**⁽⁸⁾
2. impressively **stable under ambient** and even **elevated temperatures**⁽⁸⁾
3. may be prepared by the **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)**. ⁽⁸⁾

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10:23 DNAzyme



8:17 DNAzyme



A, C, T, G, or N (any) = deoxyribonucleotides
 R (A or G), Y (U or C) and X (any) = ribonucleotides
 N = either deoxyribonucleotides or ribonucleotides

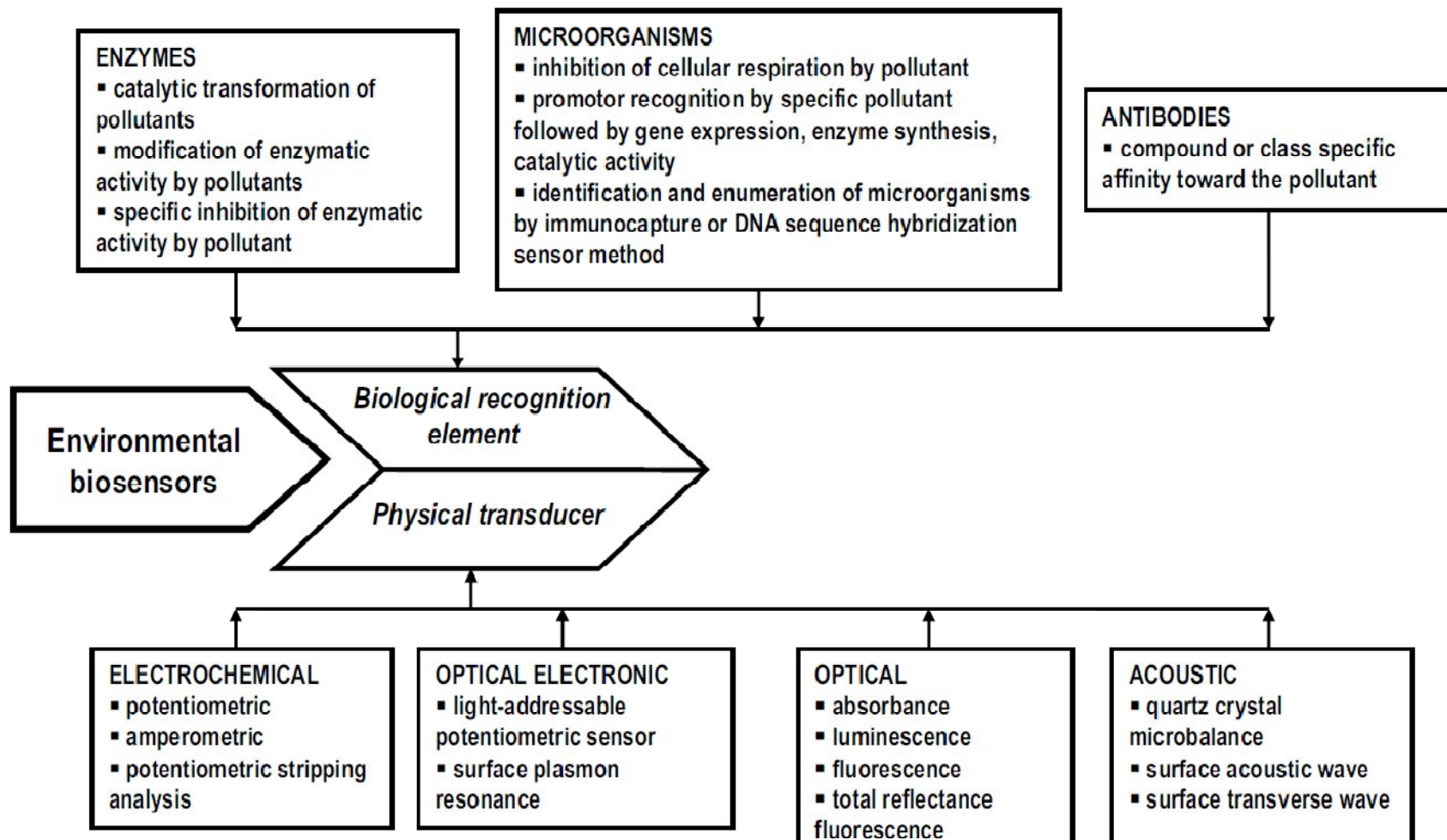
Santoro & Joyce (1997) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA 94, 4262

Applications

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1. drug delivery systems (**DDSs**)
2. DNAzyme-based **biosensors and nanodevices**
3. Treatment the **cancer's** and diseases

Applications⁽¹¹⁾

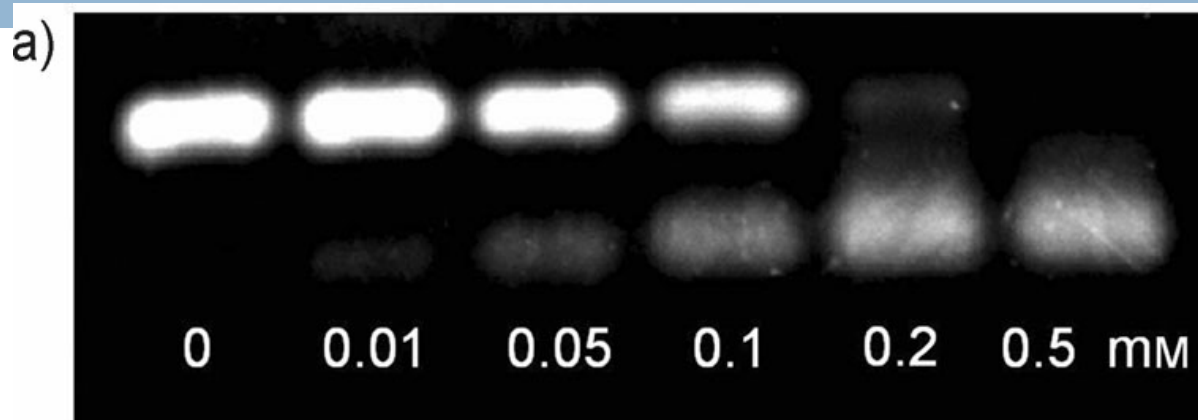


- ❑ recognition elements and promising signal amplifiers in biosensor (3)
- ❑ based on colorimetry, **Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering(SERS)**, fluorescence, or electrochemistry. (3)
- ❑ Broad range of cofactors: such as Pb^{2+} , UO_2^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , and histidine (3)

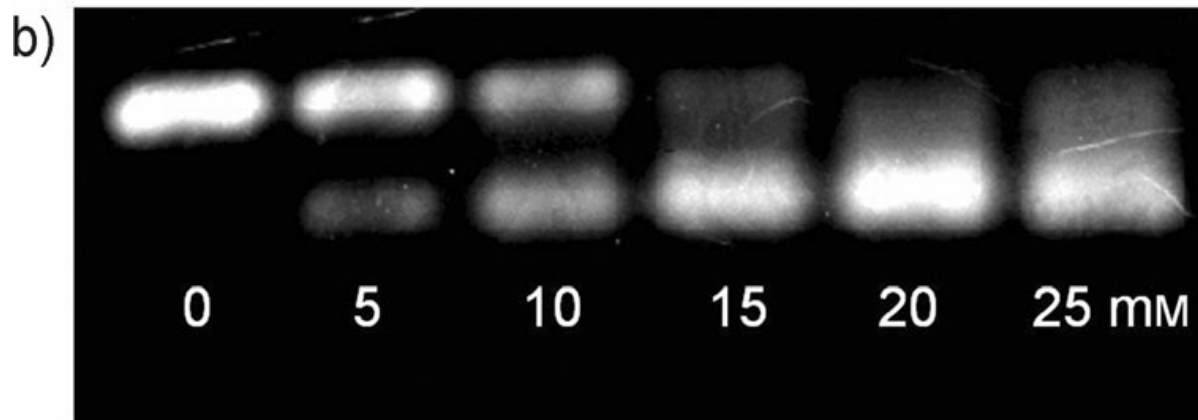
Different Cofactors⁽¹⁾

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Mn²⁺



Mg²⁺

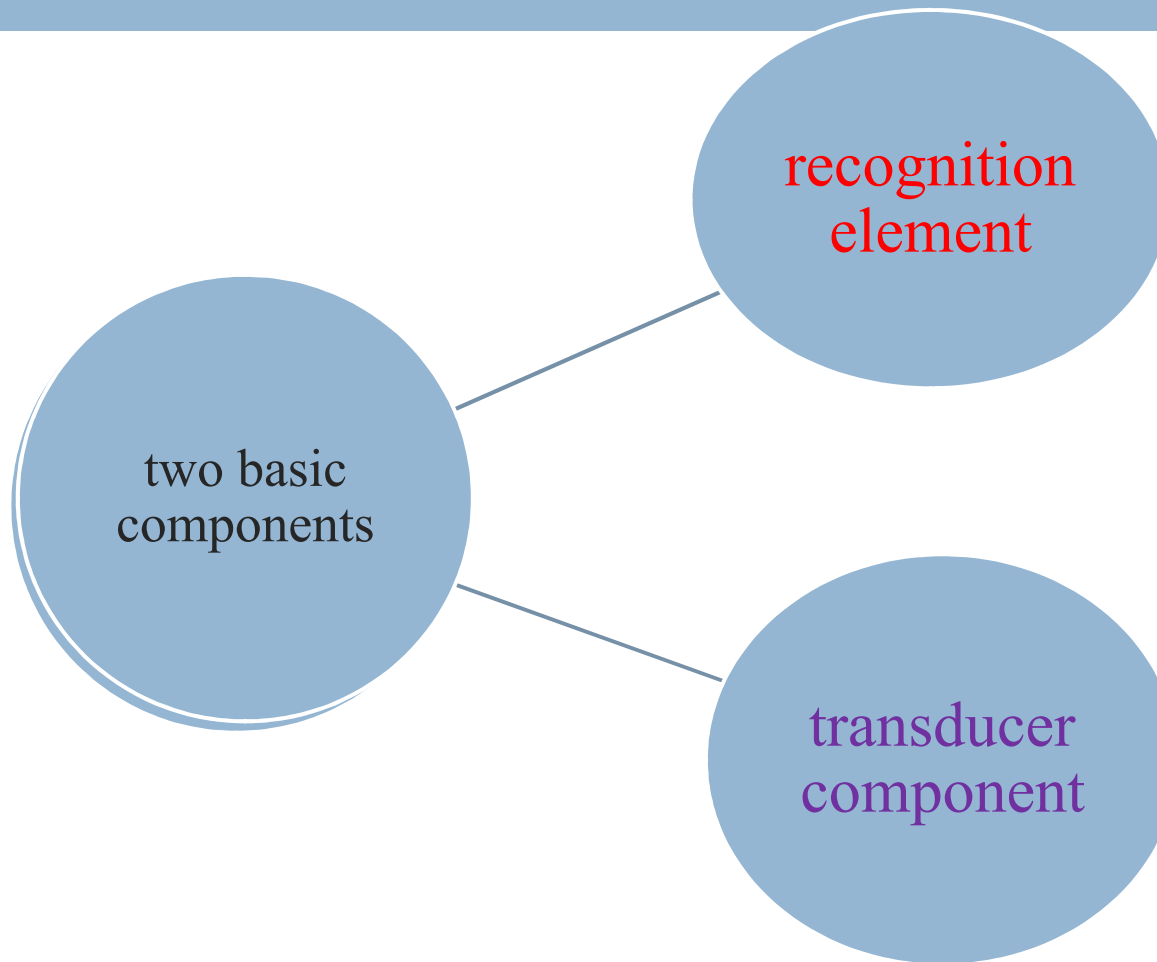


To investigate whether the produced Mn²⁺ ions from the reduction of MnO₂ nanosheets could act as cofactors for 10–23 DNAzyme, the effect of Mn²⁺ on the catalytic activity of DNAzyme for RNA cleavage was analyzed by agar electrophoresis. It can be seen in Figure 1 that 0.2 mM of Mn²⁺ ions could trigger 10–23 DNAzyme to completely cleave the substrate within 60 min. However, under the same conditions, a concentration of 15 mM was necessary for Mg²⁺ ions, indicating that the Mn²⁺ ion was the more efficient cofactor.

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Biosensors

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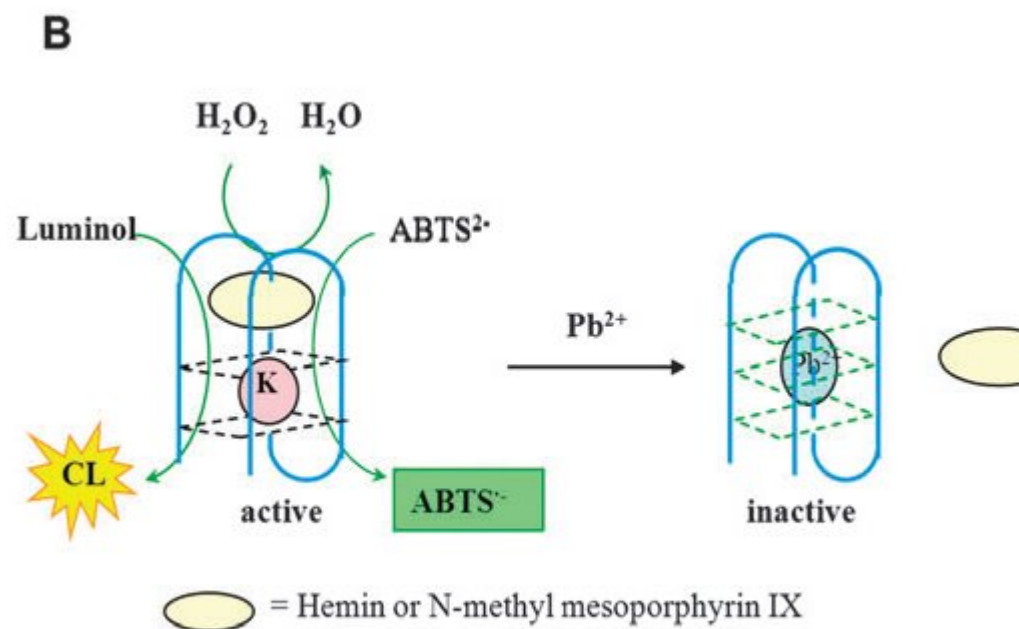


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- ❑ nanomaterial assisted like AuNPs, GO, CNT, QDs⁽⁹⁾
- ❑ provide novel sensing systems based on colorimetry, dynamic light scattering(DLS), or SERS ⁽⁹⁾

Chemiluminescence (CL)⁽⁶⁾

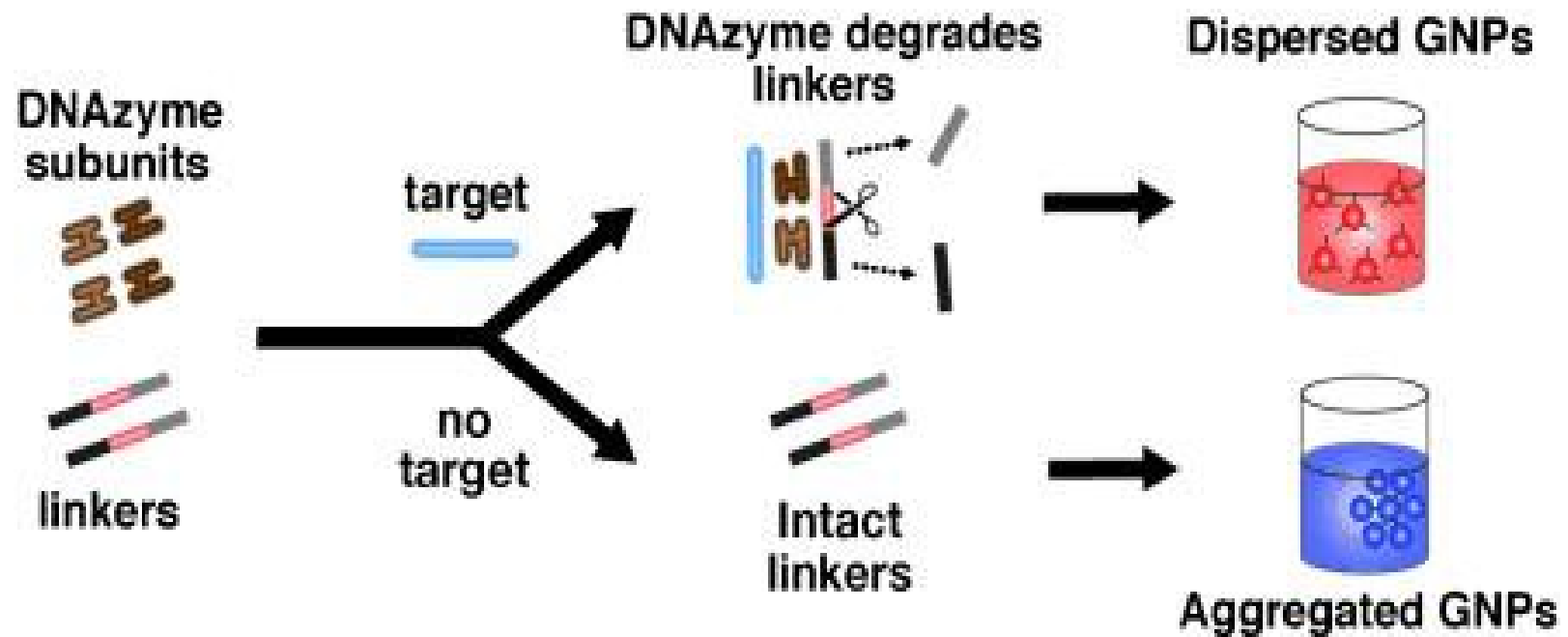
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Colorimetric (7)

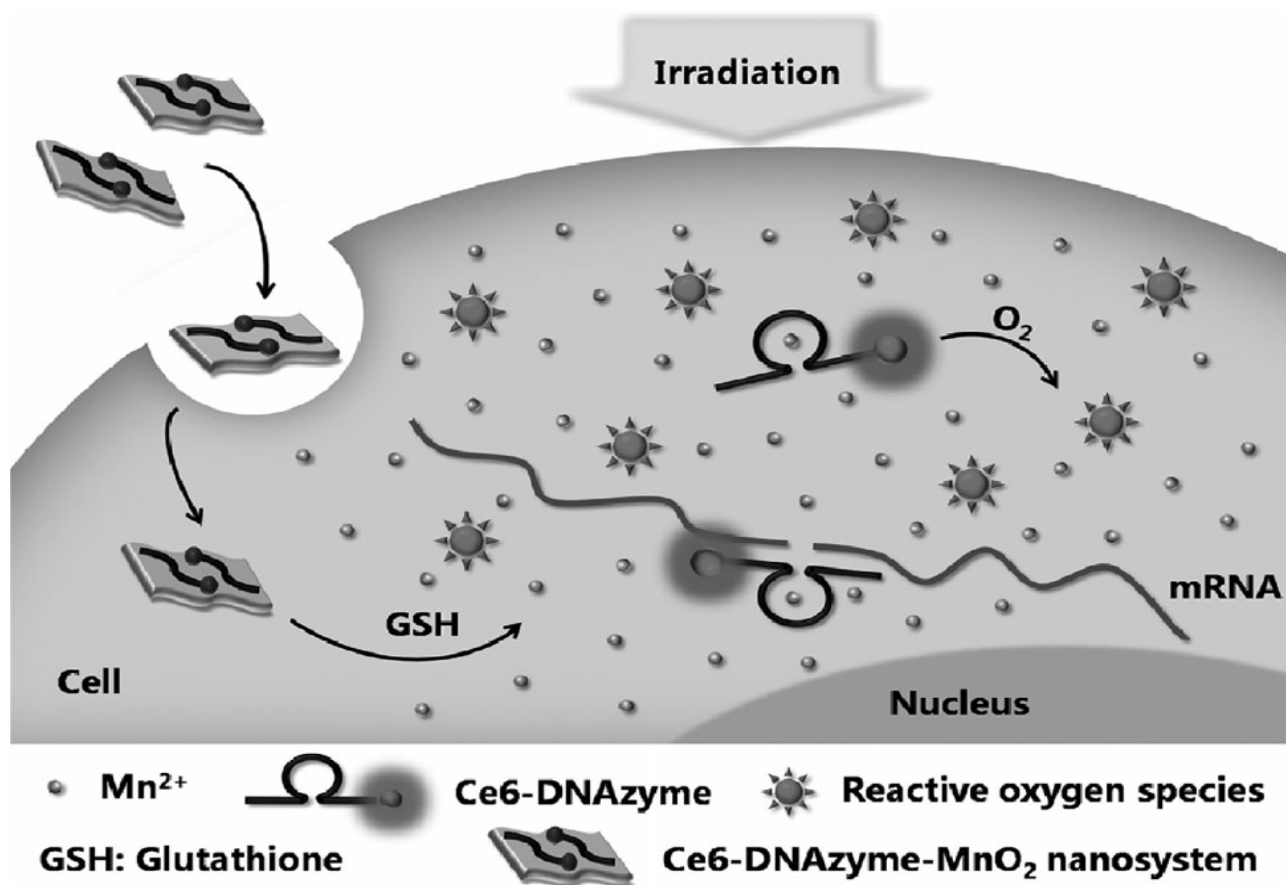
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Treatment the cancer's and diseases⁽¹⁾

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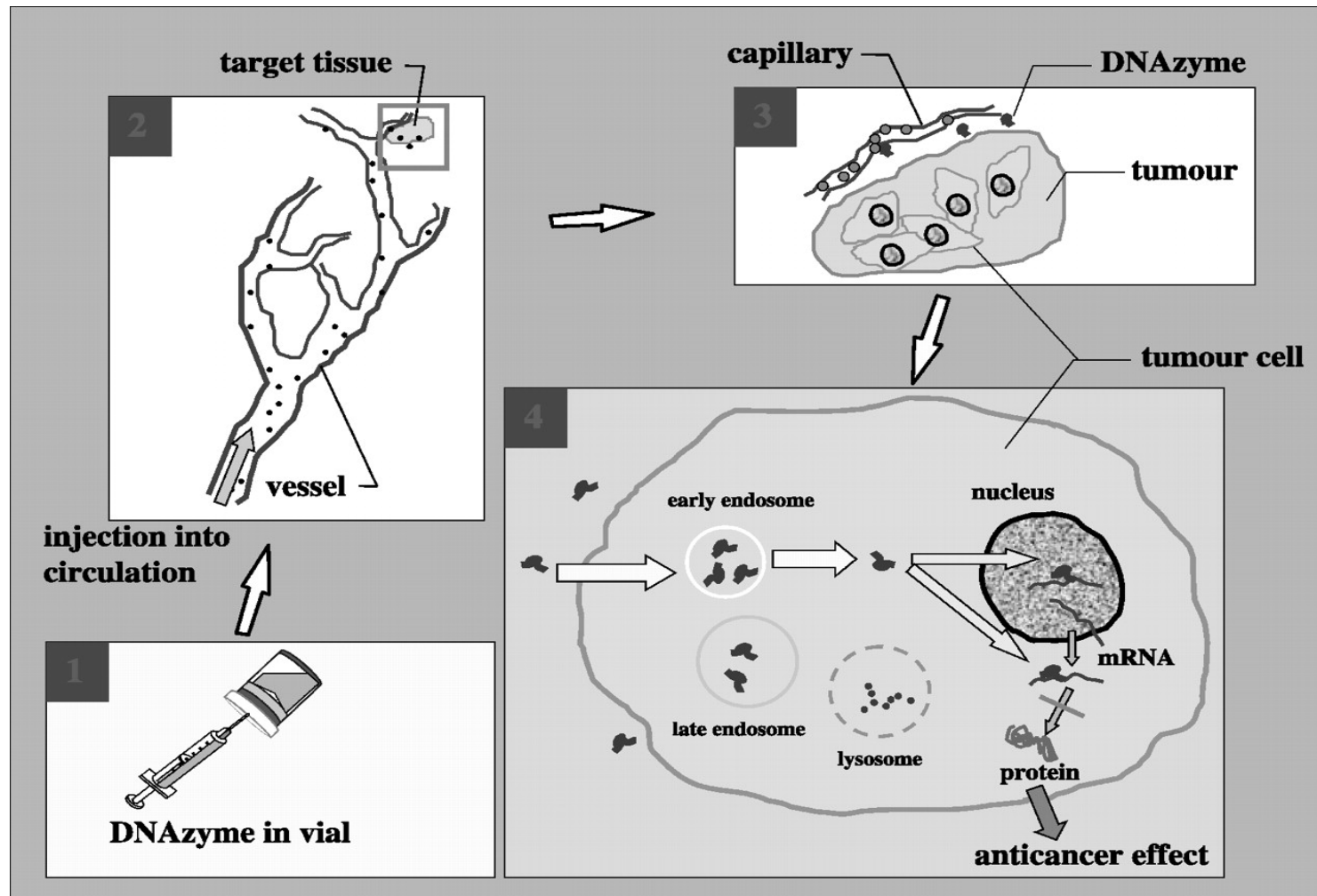
Activity of DNazymes against Cancer Cells

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- inhibited proliferation and induced apoptosis ⁽¹⁰⁾
- induce the release of cytochrome *c* from mitochondria⁽¹⁰⁾

DNAzyme Delivery—Facing the Beast of a Challenge⁽¹⁰⁾

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Drug Delivery Systems (DDSs)

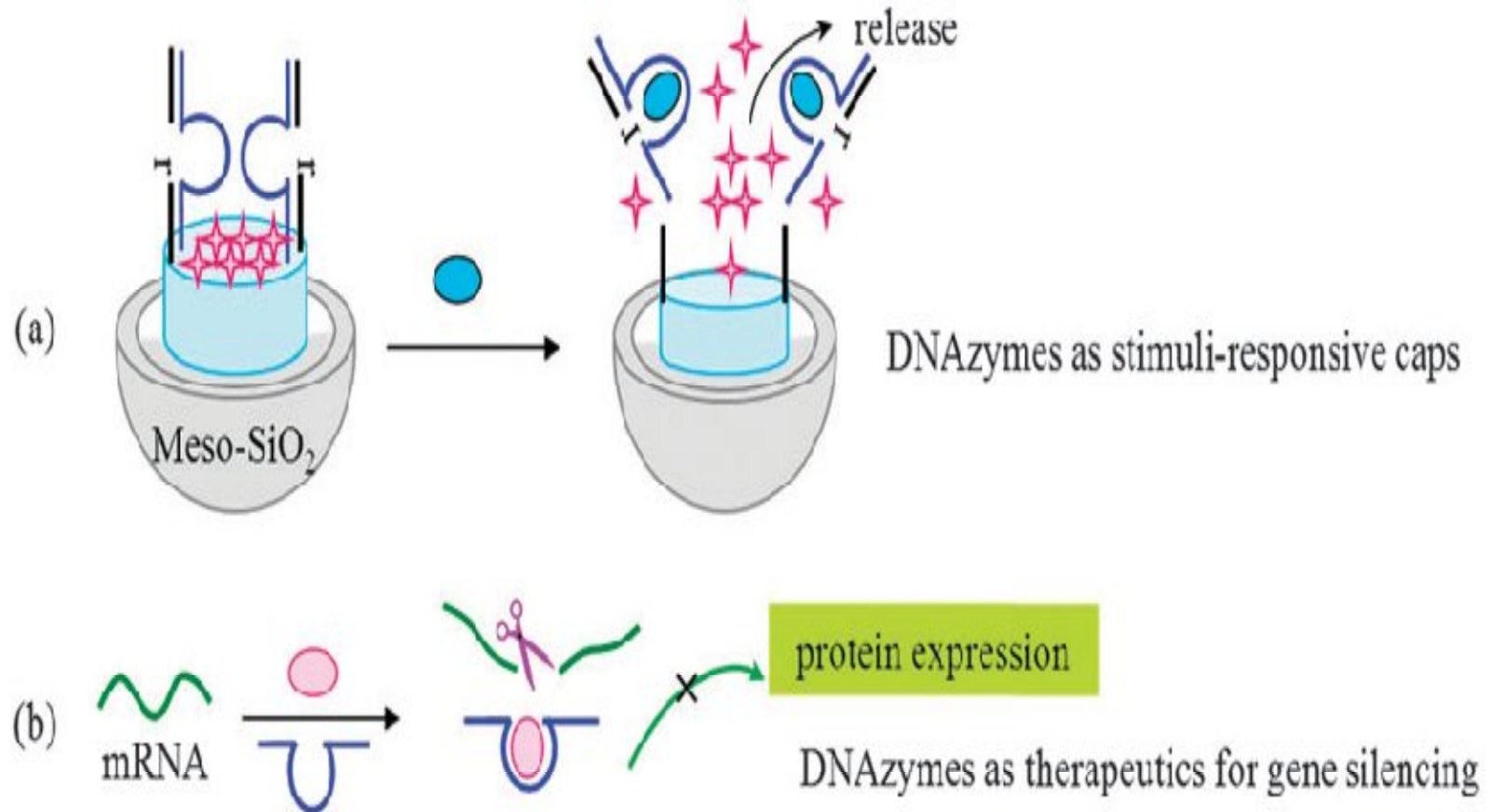
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- ❑ presenting drug agents **against cancer**(5)
- ❑ target gene **knockdown** agents(5)
- ❑ more emphasis needs to be placed on actual **efficacy** and **safety**(5)
- ❑ **chitosan** and **polyethylenimine (PEI)**(8)

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Drug Delivery Systems (DDSs)⁽³⁾

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DNAzymes – Short overview of *in vitro* usage.(5)

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mRNA target	Pathogenesis	DNAzyme usage
<i>Bcr-abl</i>	Chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL)	Three DNAzymes were designed against two variants of the p210 <i>bcr-abl</i> gene and p190 variant. DNAzymes were transfected into CML K562 cells using GS2888 cationic liposomal reagent.
β 1 and β 3 integrin	Important in cell–cell and cell–matrix interactions in the pathogenesis of various tumours.	Two DNAzymes to β 1 and β 3 mRNA were designed to contain a 15-deoxynucleotide catalytic domain flanked by two substrate recognition segments of 8 and 10 deoxynucleotides for β 1 and β 3 DNAzymes, respectively. DNAzymes were partially modified with phosphorothioate and with 2'-O-methyl groups at both the 5' and 3' ends.
Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)	Receptor tyrosine kinase of the Erb B receptor family that is abnormally activated in epithelial tumours.	DNAzymes targeting the EGFR mRNA.
PML/RAR α fusion gene	Acute promyelocytic leukaemia (APL).	DNAzymes (Dz1 and Dz3) were designed to cleave the PML/RAR α transcript at the GC nucleotides at the fusion point and three nucleotides upstream of that respectively. Unique quadruple cleavage activity of designed DNAzymes.

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DNAzymes – Short overview of *in vivo* usage⁽⁵⁾

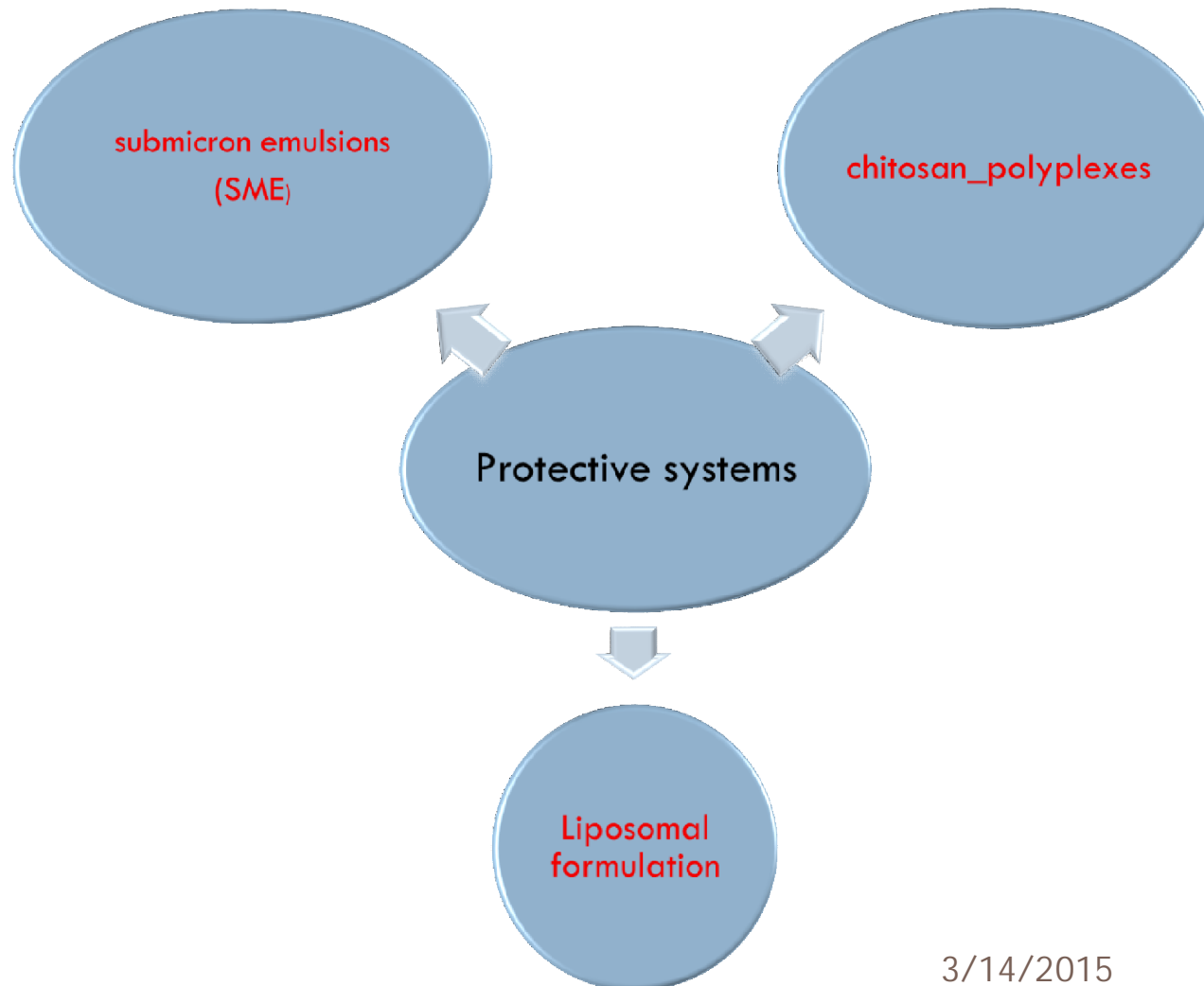
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mRNA target	Pathogenesis	DNAzyme usage
Human survivin in PANC-1 cells	Human pancreatic carcinoma – regulates cell division and inhibits apoptosis.	Anti-survivin mRNA DNAzyme designed. Transfected into PANC-1 cells through liposomes.
Urokinase-type plasminogen activator receptor (uPAR)	Implicated in signal transduction and biological processes including cancer metastasis, angiogenesis, cell migration and wound healing.	Three different DNAzymes (Dz372, Dz483, Dz720) targeted against three separate purine and pyrimidine junction in uPAR mRNA.

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Discussion (DDS)⁽⁸⁾

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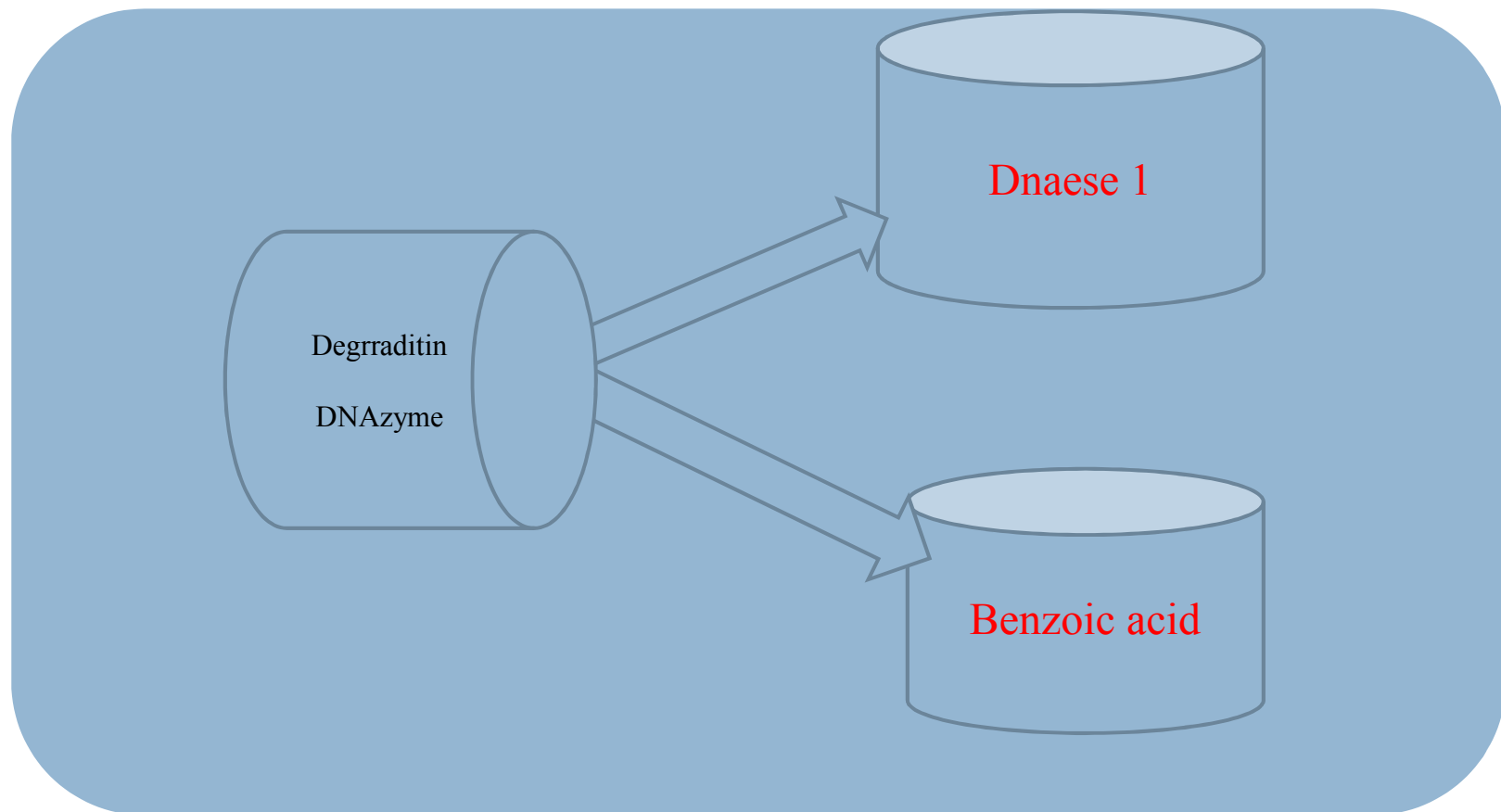
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Stability of DNAzymes

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- pH values from 5 to 7₍₂₎
- relative humidity (RH) ₍₂₎
- Preservatives₍₂₎

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DNAzyme recovery (%)

Samples	0.5 h	1.0 h	2.0 h
Aqueous solut.	44	22	7
Acetate buffer	57	30	6
SME	25	10	2
Protective DDS	101	84	70

Dermatitis(Dz13)

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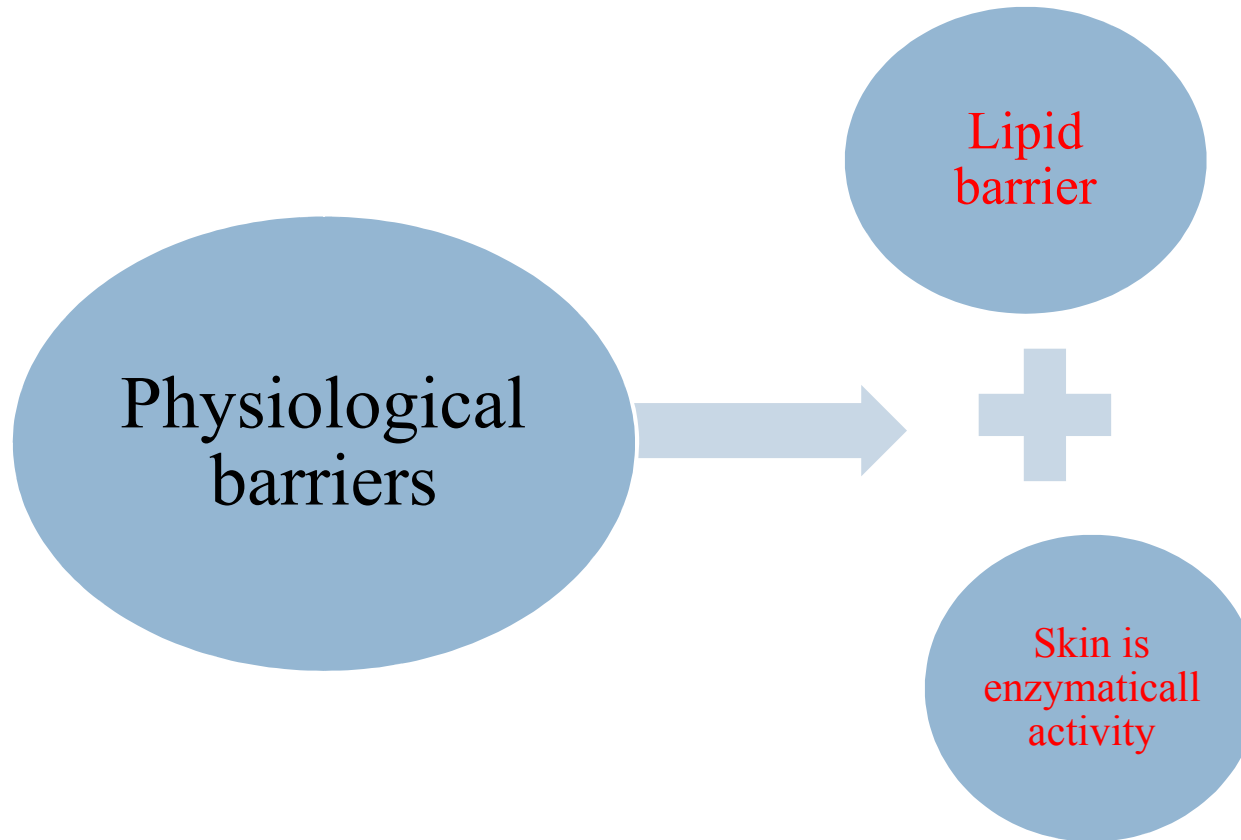
□ Characteristic(Dz13)

- 10–23 DNAszymes₍₂₎
- Hydrophilic₍₂₎
- high molecular weight (MW) ₍₂₎
- negative charge₍₂₎

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Dermatitis(Dz13)

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Applications the Dz13

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- protein c-Jun₍₂₎
- suppressing the growth of squamous and basal cell₍₂₎

Conclusion

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- easy to synthesize and functionalize⁽⁹⁾
- multiple enzymatic turnover properties⁽⁶⁾
- high loading efficiency of nanomaterials⁽⁴⁾

Conclusion

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- cleave an **all-RNA**₍₂₎
- mRNA-targeted **gene silencing**₍₃₎
- **gene therapeutic**₍₁₎

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Conclusion

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- hairpins or aptamer–DNAzyme conjugates
- anticipated to appear on the market in the near future
- basic research level

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Software

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